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Havana, August 14, 1798.

THE King of Spain having granted his subjects a general permit for the introduction of certain Dry Goods, specified in the annexed Memorandum, from neutral ports and in neutral bottoms, allowing them also to ship returns to any port of the Peninsula of Spain, by paying the same duties as are established in the Havana; I am induced, under this favorable arrangement, finding myself established in the City of La Vera-Cruz to make you a tender of my best services, and at the same time to inform you that the goods mentioned in the above Memorandum, are at this present moment sold for exorbitant prices.

Any information respecting my validity, abilities or integrity, my friends, Messrs. Santa Maria and Guesta of this City will satisfy you; to them I am well known, and they are well acquainted with my long residence in that Country.

*The signal for the ship I have the honour to remain respectfully,*  
*in sight of La Vera-Cruz*  
*shall be a blue colour-*

Your most obedient humble Servant,

Joaquin De Quintana

SHOULD you incline to any Speculation, and wish to avail yourself of this agreeable Circumstance, it will be necessary to make out two Invoices, a true one and another fictitious, in my name, or in the name of some other Spaniard; as in virtue of the same, I am to facilitate the permit of landing and sale of the Goods.

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